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1. FIGURES ON NUMBERS OF SOVIETS POSTED IN THE US AND AMERICANS POSTED IN THE USSR AS OF APRIL 25 ARE HERewith TRANSMITTED FOR THE EMBASSY'S INFORMATION.
2. SOVIET EMBASSY WASHINGTON HAS 135 OFFICER AND 128 STAFF POSITIONS FOR A TOTAL OF 263 SOVIETS. IN ADDITION, THERE ARE 72 WORKING WIVES AT THE SOVIET EMBASSY. EMBASSY MOSCOW HAS 130 AMERICAN OFFICER AND STAFF POSITIONS, INCLUDING SOME WORKING WIVES.
3. SOVIET CONGEN SAN FRANCISCO HAS 21 OFFICERS AND 17 EMPLOYEES FOR A TOTAL OF 38 SOVIETS. THERE ARE IN ADDITION 11 WORKING WIVES. CONGEN LENINGRAD HAS 8 AMERICAN OFFICER AND 15 STAFF POSITIONS (ONE IS PRESENTLY UNFILLED) AND TWO TEACHERS (ONE TEACHER IS A WORKING WIFE.)

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4. IN REGARD TO THE SOVIET CONSULATE IN SAN FRANCISCO, THE 1972 AIDE-MEMOIRE CONTEMPLATED A DIVISION OF SOVIET PERSONNEL INTO ONE GROUP COMPRISING OFFICERS AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF AND A SECOND GROUP OF QUOTE SERVICE

UNQUOTE EMPLOYEES. HOWEVER, IN PRACTICE IT HAS NOT BEEN FEASIBLE TO DIVIDE THE SOVIET STAFF IN THIS WAY GIVEN THE USABLE INFORMATION AT HAND. SPECIFIC JOB TITLES ARE AVAILABLE FOR ONLY FOUR SOVIET A-2 VISA HOLDERS WHICH WOULD OSTENSIBLY PLACE THEM IN THE QUOTE SERVICE UNQUOTE CATEGORY; EXCEPT FOR ONE QUOTE BOOKKEEPER UNQUOTE ALL OTHERS ARE KNOWN TO US MERELY AS QUOTE EMPLOYEE UNQUOTE. INASMUCH AS IT IS NOT FEASIBLE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN ADMINISTRATIVE-TECHNICAL STAFF AND QUOTE SERVICE UNQUOTE EMPLOYEES, THE 1 TO 1.5 RATIO HAS BEEN APPLIED AS AN OVERALL PERSONNEL TARGET.

5. SOVIETS HAVE IN WASHINGTON 2 BUSINESS EMPLOYEES, 3 BUSINESS WORKING WIVES (AEROFLOT), 12 NEWS MEDIA EMPLOYEES AND 3 MEDIA WORKING WIVES. TOTAL SOVIET PRESENCE IN WASHINGTON IS 277 OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES PLUS 78 WORKING WIVES.

6. SOVIETS HAVE IN NEW YORK 104 OFFICERS AND 107 EMPLOYEES AT ALL THREE MISSIONS TO THE UN FOR A TOTAL OF 211 AS WELL AS 25 WORKING WIVES. ALSO IN NEW YORK ARE 50 SOVIET BUSINESS OFFICERS, 34 BUSINESS EMPLOYEES, 32 BUSINESS WORKING WIVES, 2 NEWS MEDIA OFFICERS, 16 NEWS MEDIA EMPLOYEES AND 6 MEDIA WORKING WIVES. SOVIET NATIONALS ON UN STAFF INCLUDE 137 OFFICERS, 165 EMPLOYEES AND 25 WORKING WIVES. TOTAL SOVIET PRESENCE IN NEW YORK IS 615 OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES PLUS 88 WORKING WIVES.

7. THUS TOTAL LONG-TERM SOVIET PRESENCE IN US IS 930 OFFICERS AND STAFF (INCLUDING BUSINESSMEN AND JOURNALISTS) AND 177 WORKING WIVES. SUBTRACTING THE 513 UN-RELATED OFFICERS AND STAFF, THE NON-UN SOVIET PRESENCE (NOT COUNTING WORKING WIVES) TOTALS SOME 417. BY OUR COUNT, THE COMPARABLE FIGURE FOR AMERICANS IN THE USSR, INCLUDING BUSINESSMEN, JOURNALISTS AND WORKING WIVES, IS 208. WE WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING THE EMBASSY'S COUNT. KISSINGER
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